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October 14, 2009

Julius Genachowski, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

Although the rapid rise in the wireless market has been successful, the FCC's upcoming announcement on network neutrality brings great concern to me and my constituents. Heavily regulating wireless networks will reduce the investment in my state and cut into job growth.

Nearly all residents and businesses have access to advanced wireless phones and networks, while the strong, competitive market keeps bringing new innovation. Government interference would cost us jobs and investment. Thus, it is imperative that the FCC retain the spirit of innovation and entrepreneurship that has built the robust wireless and online networks we have today.

The FCC can take another step by avoiding network neutrality regulation of broadband deployment. Bringing broadband to all areas of the nation also requires investment in networks, well-paying local jobs and the technology needed for our cities and towns to grow new businesses that depend on communications.

Your proposed regulations on traditional and wireless broadband service will shut off the Internet to many constituents in the state of Alabama. Please don't close the door to opportunity and jobs for people in my state with unnecessary new regulations.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mac Gipson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent "M" and "G".

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